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On 11 December 1944, we found 1st Lt CHARLES L. PROSS sporting his double bars, and 2nd Lt LAWRENCE J. QUICK wearing bars of more becoming silver, both changes as a result of orders from Washington announcing the new promotions.

As on previous occasions, our squadron was assigned the job of furnishing ground to air communications for another Demonstration at Pinecastle Bombing Range on 13 December 1944. Bombing, Strafing, Chemical, and Ordnance demonstrations were conducted, and our portable VHF equipment operated by our men played an important part in this operation. A large number of enlisted men and officers witnessed this performance, which was successfully completed.

Authority was received by the Squadron Commander to use the lumber from an old frame building at Crystal River, Florida, for the construction of shower and latrine shelters at our outlying units. It was necessary, first, to dismantle the building and move the lumber to the units, so a four (4) man team was detailed to accomplish the job.

The War Department policy of transferring men to the Infantry greatly affected this organization. All the men were given physical examinations and profiles and those who were qualified for Infantry duty were transferred. Eighteen enlisted men departed from the squadron on 16 December 1944, bound for Camp Gordon, Georgia, for further training as Doughboys. (See Appendix A-5). Included in this group were men from almost each department of the organization.

With the reduction of strength in personnel at the Lutz unit, it was hardly possible to permit these men to go on furlough. To alleviate the existing condition, Cpl JAMES D. CAMPBELL and Pfc EDWARD D. ALLSHOUSE were detailed to duty there on 18 December 1944. This plan worked out to

